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(Attorney Docket No. 15341US02)

In the Application of: **VandenBiesen, et al.**

U.S. Serial No.: **10/643,330**

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For: **METHOD OF MAKING SYNTHETIC  
GEMS COMPRISING ELEMENTS  
RECOVERED FROM REMAINS OF A  
SPECIES OF THE KINGDOM  
ANIMALIA**

Examiner: **Robert Kunemund**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper responds to the first Office action in the above-entitled application, mailed January 24, 2006. Applicants believe that this Response is timely, as it is being filed within the three month shortened statutory period set for reply.

**Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.**